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# *In* *Sites 2005*



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# *InSites 2005*

## *Greetings from the Department Head!*



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*Cover photo -- Kathy Allen, April 05.  
A sunny day on the Quad.*

*M* My first year here at Utah State has been an intensely busy, but hugely rewarding time. We have held or been involved with a number of major events this year: the ASLA annual meeting in Salt Lake City; the re-accreditation of both our BLA and MLA programs (occurs every 5 years); a major, school-wide design charrette for the Tooele downtown; a very successful Sustainability Conference; and an active LAEP week. Between these events, I have had opportunities to enjoy the impressive beauty of the Cache Valley (complete with bald eagles, roosting in my backyard this spring), and to begin to explore the southern portions of the state.

Our facilities here are top notch, and with the wiring of our graduate, senior and junior studios this past year, each student can plug into a network connection and access various course and university related services via the web. But this was only a first step in ensuring that our students graduate with the most up-to-date technical skills possible. We are working towards wireless access for our freshman and sophomore studios and have begun to teach many advanced computer applications. With the donation of ESRI GIS software this year, we will be integrating GIS analysis into the curriculum along with the current CAD applications.

The faculty and students have worked hard this year, to make the LAEP experience here an exceptional and enjoyable one for everyone. We must

continue to maintain the high quality of the program and the experiences we offer to our students, so over the next year, we will be embarking on a process to heighten the level of excellence. In August, we will begin an effort to revamp our current curriculum, to reflect the breadth of the profession and the strengths of our faculty. While we will be careful to preserve the historical strengths of the program, we will also be looking towards the future, keeping the program current and responsive to the demands of a changing workplace.

I cannot thank our Advisory Board enough for their support and direction. As a faculty, we will be relying on their insights as we ponder and implement new directions for the program. However, we also rely on our alumni as a whole so please keep us apprised of any thoughts or ideas you have about the future of the program. Future graduates will be coming to you for guidance, mentoring and jobs – the Department wants to ensure that they are ready for the challenges.

*Elizabeth Baber*



*Jim Hightower  
autographing books  
in the lobby*



*LAEP students in discussion*



*Jenn Elliott & Kaylen Nichols  
LAEP seniors*

## *Sustainable Landscapes Conference 2005*



*Lori Porecca*

LAEP graduate students **Lori Porecca** and **Susan Buffler**, co-chairs, planned the event from start to finish.

Their conference planning abilities are to be commended as attendees were provided with thought-provoking and interesting discussions regarding the way food is currently produced and marketed, to ideas for alternative sources and more wholesome production.

The keynote speaker was **Jim Hightower**, political commentator, author and former Texas Agriculture Commissioner. Hightower not only spoke at the conference but was available for "An Evening with Jim Hightower" the previous night. Many conference goers attended both events

The student-organized Sustainable Landscapes Conference 2005 was held at the Eccles Conference Center, April 5 and was a great success.



*Susan Buffler*

and found him to be very entertaining. He had much to say about current government and corporate policies that could be changed to help small producers. Hightower also addressed energy policies which could make the US less dependent on foreign oil and benefit the environment.

After speaking at the conference, Hightower was available to sign his many books including his latest "Thieves in High Places: They've Stolen Our Country and it's Time to Take it Back."

Joining Hightower as conference speakers were **Kami Pothukuchi** from Wayne State University, **Laura Jackson** from The University of Northern Iowa and **Bob Budd** from the Nature Conservancy in Wyoming.

Local speakers and panelists included LAEP's professor **Craig Johnson**, and **Brian Smart**, a current LAEP student. Also presenting from USU, **Doug Jackson-Smith** and **Peg Petrzela** from the Department of Sociology, **Lyle McNeal**, USU Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, and **Teresa Selfa**, the department of Environment and Society. **Sumner Swaner** and **Christie Oostema** from the Center for Green Space Design spoke of honoring cultural, ecological, agricultural and recreational community assets, and **Chris Sands** of Biowest Environmental Consulting presented "Dude, Where's My Quality of Life? Cache County's Program for Enhancing Agriculture and Preserving

Farmland."

**Peter Kumble**, Assistant Professor in LAEP moderated a panel discussion with local growers and producers.

*"We can hardly choose  
not to eat, but we have  
to choose how, and  
our choices can have  
astounding consequences"*

**Small Wonder,**  
**Barbara Kingsolver**

This conference is unique as it is entirely organized and run by LAEP students. Other students involved in this year's event were conference co-chair and speaker coordinator **Diana Glenn**, a department of Environment and Society graduate student. Also active were marketing coordinator **Sara Sevy**, marketing designer **Kim Williams** and **Leslie Bush**, registration coordinator **Kathie Brinkerhoff**, web site coordinator **Chad Kennedy**, facilities coordinator **Greg Wolfgang** and volunteer coordinator **Jenn Elliott**.



# Faculty Updates

## Meet Peter Kumble, *Assistant Professor*

Peter Kumble joined the faculty as an Asst. Professor in LAEP in August, 2004. He received his MLA from the University of Arizona (1988) and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Planning from Antioch College (1980). Peter has worked as a landscape architect and environmental professional for more than 24 years; in the private sector for consulting firms in Seattle, Washington, Tampa St. Petersburg, Florida, Tucson, Arizona, and Washington, D.C. He has worked as an environmental planner for county government in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region and as an urban watershed restoration specialist for a regional council of governments in Washington, D.C.

Peter has also taught as a lecturer in the School of Natural Resources and Environment, and the School of

Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan, and in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Michigan State University.

Prior to joining the faculty at USU, Peter was the principal partner in a nationally recognized landscape architecture and planning consulting

firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan; The Johnson Hill – Land Ethics Studio, Inc. His practice focused on developing broad-based land protection and sustainable land use planning approaches and promoting techniques that foster effective resource conservation. He is the author and editor of many nationally distributed publications which define successful approaches for protecting sensitive open space resources during the land development process.

He has recently completed an EPA funded publication which describes the rationale for using regional planning as a tool for protecting water quality and critical natural features.



*Peter in Blanding Utah  
with the Spring LAEP 4120  
class and family member Kimi.*

## Elizabeth Brabec, *Department Head, Professor*

In addition to her new duties as Department head, Elizabeth Brabec has been continuing her research, which runs the spectrum between the cultural importance of land and place, and land conservation issues. Her focus is international, with active programs in coastal South Carolina, Belize and the Czech Republic.

For the past several years she has been working on the cultural importance of land and conservation issues in traditional and indigenous cultures. This has led her to delve into the landscape history of slavery in coastal Carolina plantations, as well as the impacts of design on various social and cultural user groups in parks.

She has been working for a number of years on protected areas in Belize, both visitor impacts and the effects that local communities can have on protected areas management. This past March, she and Peter spent a week in the Mountain Pine Ridge National Park, working on visitor facilities, and assessing the sensitivity of opening several new sites to visitors. In these areas the cultural and ecological features are equally rare and sensitive, ranging from the protected Jaguar to caches of Mayan archaeological artifacts.

Her second international location for research is the Czech Republic. Kristina Splichalova, a PhD candidate from the Czech University of Agriculture in Prague spent the year studying in the department and is continuing on a research project with Elizabeth, studying the landscape forms of the Czech countryside.



## Recent Faculty Publications

### Elizabeth Brabec

co-authored with Geoffrey McD. Lewis  
“Regional land pattern assessment: development of a resource efficiency measurement method,” *Landscape and Urban Planning* Volume 72 (4): 281-296 (2005)

also

“Development of regional measurement methods: the context for quantifying influence and impact,” *Landscape Review* Volume 10 (1 & 2): 44-48 (2005).

### John Ellsworth

“Visualizing Scenic Resource Impacts: Proposed Surface Mining and Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill” chapter in *Visualization in Landscape and Environmental Planning* (Spon Press) (2005).

**Craig Johnson** - co-authored with Richard Toth “Henry’s Fork Agricultural Corridor Wildlife Habitat Conservation Study.” USDA, NRCS Watershed Science Institute - Wildlife Habitat Management Institute, November, 2004.

### Peter Kumble

co-authored with Elizabeth Brabec  
“Land Planning and Development Mitigation for Protecting Water Quality in the Great Lakes System: An Evaluation of US Approaches” for the International Joint Commission, 2005.

### Caroline Lavoie

“Sketching the Landscape: Exploring a Sense of Place,” *Landscape Journal*, Volume 24(1): 13-31 (2005).



*“Along the Green River in Grey Canyon, UT”  
Caroline Lavoie from Landscape Journal*

# Faculty Updates



*Craig Johnson  
"stomping out ignorance"*

## Craig Johnson, Professor

Professor Johnson was on sabbatical leave fall semester. He used his sabbatical to complete two research projects—*Utah Department of Transportation Wetland Function Assessment Method for UDOT* (Ryan Pitts and Lori Porreca research assistants) and *Riparian Buffer Design Guidelines for Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat Functions on Agricultural Landscape in the Intermountain West* for USDA National Agroforestry Center (Susan Buffler research assistant). The UDOT document will be field tested this spring as Phase 3 of the grant, while the riparian buffers document is being reviewed by 12 outside experts prior to final revisions.

Spring semester saw Professor Johnson back in the classroom. Students in his LAEP 4120 class worked on the wildlife component of a Special Management Area Plan (SAMP) for 3,000 acres of wetlands west of Brigham City, coordinated by Brigham City Planner and LAEP alumni **Paul Larsen**. Students developed wildlife species models, delineated habitats using GIS, and prepared development guidelines and recommended best management practices for areas designated suitable for development within the SAMP. Graduate students in LAEP 6110 class developed wildlife habitat models for riparian and wetland obligate indicator species for a ten mile stretch of the Bear River from the Idaho border to Amalga. Habitats were delineated using GIS and habitat management and prototyped restoration measures were also prepared for the client, Pacific Corp. Professor Johnson will spend most of the summer working on an oak savannah and prairie restoration at his cabin in northwestern Minnesota. He may spend a *little* time fly fishing for bass, bluegill and crappie on Little McDonald and other lakes in the region.



*left to right - Craig Johnson (in those classic waders), Elizabeth Brabec, Kristopher Kvarfordt, Chad Kennedy, Kristina Splichalova, Sara Sevy, Susan Buffler, & Laura McCoy—canoe trip on the Bear River for LAEP 6110*

## Darrell Morrison

*Adjunct Professor*

Darrell Morrison will return again this fall to teach in the department. Darrell is the former Dean of the School of Environmental Design at the University of Georgia. He is nationally renowned for his expertise in the design and aesthetic and botanical characteristics of native plant communities, integrating ecological concepts and phenomena in landscape design as ecological art. He is a specialist in



creating gardens for aesthetic and educational purposes, using native flora, with a goal of drawing people into his created plant communities, in order that they might appreciate the beauty of native, wild-type landscapes. Last fall, Darrell taught Planting Design while Craig Johnson was on sabbatical, and he returns this year to teach for a month in various courses in the Department.

## Caroline Lavoie Associate Professor

The last year has been filled with projects and travels for Caroline.

She has recently had a paper published in special edition of Landscape Journal entitled the theme "Invisible Scents". Her entry "Somewhere... The Scent of My Experience," explored a conceptual approach to landscape architecture and the experience of space.



In summer 2003 Caroline spent a month in Slovenia and Croatia. She was a guest critique and speaker for both the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia and the University of Zagreb in Croatia. There she continued her research on water as it affects urban form and drainage in the city.

Caroline received an Award of Merit from the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association for her design exhibition "Creating Meaningful Linkages: Milling Industries and Irrigation Canals in Logan Utah" in fall 2003. She had a Juried exhibition with catalog publication for the First Annual Design Arts Utah Exhibition in Salt Lake City (June 2003) of her co-authored design entry for the International "Ephemeral Structures" Competition for the 2004 Olympic Games of Athens.

In October 2003, she presented a paper for the Western Humanities Alliance, exploring ideas of collective memory in the urban cultural context of the Intermountain West. In this paper, titled "Hidden History, Collective Memory: Design Reflections on Canals and Mills in Utah" she reflected on the notions of "Lieux de Mémoire" (sites of memory, fixed in time) and "Milieux de Mémoire" (real environments of memory).

On a last note, Caroline just bought her first house, a 1923 bungalow, craftsman style in Logan. This took a big part of her summer! This spring she witnessed the fruit of her efforts with flowers blooming in her yard because of the 700 hundreds bulbs she planted last fall!



# Faculty Updates

## John Ellsworth, *Professor*



*John Ellsworth receiving his Fellow Award from Susan LB Jacobson, FASLA and Robert Weygand, FASLA at the ASLA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City.*

Professor John Ellsworth has enjoyed a successful and professionally rewarding year. On October 31st he was formally invested a Fellow of ASLA, along with 32 colleagues from around the country, at the ASLA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. Quoting from the ASLA website, "The designation of Fellow indicates that an individual has been recognized by his or her peers as having accomplished extraordinary work in the elected category over a sustained period of time." He was recognized for his work in visual resource analysis and simulation, and distance education.

John has received a number of research and service grants over the past year. He is directing a planning study for closure of the Cache County landfill under a grant from the City of Logan and the Community/University Research Initiative fund. John and colleagues gave two peer-reviewed presentations on this work to the Intermountain GIS User's Conference in Pocatello, Idaho recently. In May of this year his chapter titled "Visualizing Scenic Resource Impacts: Proposed Surface Mining and Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill" appeared in the book *Visualization in Landscape and Environmental Planning* (Spon Press).

John gave presentations on his repeat photography research in Yellowstone after the 1988 wildfires at the ASLA Annual Meeting and at the Environmental Design Research Association Annual Meeting. John

gave an invited presentation to the "Symposium on Scenic Conservation in Public Practice" in Washington, DC, and he attended the "Interagency Environmental Design Symposium" in Salt Lake City.

John will co-moderate two panels on distance education in landscape architecture at next year's ASLA Annual Meeting. The eleven panelists will include landscape architects in private and academic practice from around the country.

John serves as the Utah ASLA Chapter Vice-President for Education and Licensure. Along with several other Utah landscape architects, he participated in the successful efforts to exempt landscape architecture and other professions from future "sunset" licensure review. John represented Utah ASLA at the 2004 Licensure Summit and will do so again in Denver this year.

Believing that education should extend beyond the academic walls, John was lead instructor for the Bureau of Land Management's Visual Resource Simulation course (which he designed five years ago) at their National Training Center in Phoenix. He also continued his own education by completing training in CommunityViz "Scenario 360" software.

John is looking forward to this summer, with plans for trips to California, Yellowstone (of course!), and other places.

## Tamara Shapiro, *Assistant Professor*



In addition to her duties as the Swaner Green Space Institute Professor, Tamara has had an active travel and speaking schedule. She was an invited speaker and discussant at

the Law, Landscape and Ethics Workshop at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Spain in June 2004. She presented the paper: "The Hackensack Meadowlands: An Account of Changing Land, Changing Perception, Changing Policies". Closer to home, Tamara was the invited keynote speaker for the Boulder Landscape Symposium in November, 2004. She also traveled to Atlanta in March at the Emerging Issues along Urban/Rural Interfaces: Linking Science and Society Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, presenting the paper, "Community-Based Landscape Assessment in Western Interface Areas" and will present the paper, "Malls, Muskrats and Muck: Environmental Interactions in an Urban Estuary," at the World Conference for Ecological Restoration in Zaragoza, Spain.

## John Nicholson, *Associate Professor*

This spring, John Nicholson had his students in City and Regional Planning take a hard look at transportation issues in Utah. The textbooks and planning pundits talk endlessly about "transit oriented developments" and "pedestrian friendly environments" but to look what is happening on the ground in Utah communities, one would wonder if anyone is listening. How can communities make incremental changes in their transportation infrastructure to make their cities less dependant on "soccer moms" and "stuck-in-traffic dads"? Students in John's class presented options in the form of Powerpoint presentations ranging from bus stop enhancements to proposals for tramway systems.

Prof. Nicholson will be heading to Germany again in May to teach at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences in Bernburg. John also plans to spend some time this summer in Paris as well as windsurfing in Oregon.

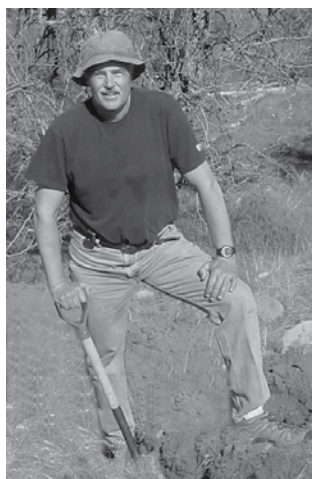


*John Nicholson relaxing in Germany*

# Faculty Updates

## Michael Timmons

*Associate Professor*



*Michael Timmons -- excavating terraces at Orson Adams farmstead*

Professor Timmons returned from his sabbatical year of 2003/2004, re-charged and armed with hundreds of new images to illustrate his lectures. Mike spent two months as an intern with the National Park Service Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation (OCLP), absorbing historic landscape preservation knowledge to bring back to the LAEP Department. While at the OCLP, he was able to work with NPS historic preservation specialists on such projects as Gettysburg National Military Park, Marsh – Billings - Rockefeller National Historic Park and Manzanar National Historic Site, preparing documentation and developing preservation strategies. The highlight of the experience was several weeks spent working at Fairstead, Olmsted's former home and office in Brookline, MA, and now a unit of the National Park System. Sitting in a room on the second floor of the home overlooking FLO's yard was enough to cause numerous outbreaks of goose bumps. Of course, Mike took a day while there to pour through the remarkable archival collection of Olmsted drawings.

Some sabbatical time was also spent updating and gathering materials for Mike's park and recreation planning and design studio. A six-week European tour focused on urban parks took him to Berlin, Paris, and London, with many points in-between. He also was an invited participant on a three-day charrette sponsored by the National Park Service in New York City, to develop a General Management Plan for recently designated Governors Island National Park.

Back at work for the recently completed academic year, Mike taught his regular load of landscape history and design studios. The recreation studio, team-taught with Prof. Shapiro, completed a Recreational Master Plan and Parks Study for the City of Kanab, UT, arranged and coordinated by USU LAEP alumnus Allysia Angus, MLA'99. The class of 25 juniors and 5 grad students enjoyed the beautiful October landscape of Southern Utah, visiting nearby Zion National Park en-route.

Mike received a grant from the Bureau of Land Management to conduct an Historic American Landscapes (HALS) survey, in conjunction with alumnus Susan Crook, MLA'89, for the Orson Adams Farmstead in Harrisburg, UT. The major portion of the research and mapping was completed by senior honors students Mandie Zollinger, Paul Drake, and Ladd Scheiss. Timmons presented the project at the Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting in Boulder, CO, in May.

Professor Timmons continues his involvement with the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards as a member of the Landscape Architectural Registration Exam (LARE) writing committee. During the past year, these duties took him to Orlando, Chicago and Washington, DC, for exam writing sessions.

Mike is looking forward to an upcoming visit to Europe, with several days in Copenhagen and Amsterdam, and a ten day cruise of the Baltic with his daughter, an entertainer with Princess Cruise Lines.



*Ladd Scheiss, Mandie Zollinger & Paul Drake*

## David Bell

*Associate Professor*

Zoom, zoom. David is still traveling a lot, but unfortunately extension cars are not too good at zooming, and extension is trying to reduce the traveling with on-line meeting and presentation technology.

So, Craig is advising him on how to act like he doesn't know enough to use any technology (and age really helps). During the year Dave and The Rural Intermountain Planning Program worked on rural community downtown redevelopment plans, streetscape plans, county fairground master plans, and community parks and recreation projects. This year RIPP employed three students in addition to Dave and Keith Christensen.



At the beginning of fall semester Dave directed the second department-wide, four-day charrette. This year it was for Tooele's downtown and Main Street. There were fourteen teams with about seven students per team, each producing a poster and a power point presentation. The work was presented to the Tooele City Council by the team captains. It was well received and the plan is to submit the project to the Utah Chapter of APA for the award competition. Also, during fall semester David taught LAEP 4110, Construction Drawings Preparation and in the spring worked with the senior design class on a series of recreation projects for the BLM in Comb Wash in southeast Utah. The landscape of the wash is extremely sensitive because it was heavily populated by the ancient Anasazi and there are many ruins and artifacts. The project gave the students an opportunity to experience working in a sensitive landscape that has many conflicting issues regarding development, use and management.

Starting in July David will be on sabbatical for a year. His plans include research on small community downtowns and as much zooming around as he can afford. (and a little extra fishing).



# Italy!

## A Once in a Lifetime

## Learning Experience



*The terrace of 100 fountains at Villa d'Este in Trivoli*



*Shawn Ori, Jeremiah Riley, Kristine Scheiss, Elizabeth Brabec, Peter Kumble, Ladd Scheiss and Bryce Ward at Villa d'Este with the water organ and reflecting pond in the background*

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For two glorious weeks this past May, LAEP students and faculty toured central and southern Italy, studying and sketching many Greek, Roman, Renaissance, and Baroque villas, gardens, and towns. New faculty Elizabeth Brabec and Peter Kumble lead a group of six undergraduates on what hopes to be an ongoing applied field studies course.

The group arrived in Rome shortly after spring commencement back in Logan. The first three days were spent touring the Coliseum, Forum, Villa Borghese, numerous Piazzas, Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel, and many gelato ice cream shops.

Side trips from Rome visited Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa in Trivoli.



*The temple of Hera II at Paestum dwarfs the Utah landscape architecture students.*

From Rome, drivers Shawn Ori and Peter Kumble worked on honing their Italian driving skills as the group traveled south to the Amalfi coast

and the ancient Greek ruins of Paestum. There is nothing quite so humbling as exploring such a magnificent expression of human culture which date back to 600 BC!

A relaxing late afternoon was spent swimming and building sand castles on the beach at the Mediterranean Coastal town of Agropoli. Everyone found the fresh mozzarella cheese made from water buffalo milk to be exceptional! If you have never been to Italy before, you will very quickly fall in love with the food, scenic beauty and warm and friendly people.

From Agropoli, the group made a short trip north to the city of Pompeii to tour the extensive ruins of this once magnificent



*Bryce Ward, Shawn Ori, Elizabeth Brabec, Ladd & Kristine Scheiss overlooking the extensive gardens at Villa d'Este*



*Walking through a gate from the forum in Pompeii*

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*The beauty of the Tuscan landscape and intrigue of medieval Cortona left many to ponder the possibilities of living in this region of Italy for an "extended" period of time.*

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city, destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Then it was off to Tuscany and the enchanting hill town of Cortona. Our hosts were the friendly nuns of Istituto Santa Margherita. The beauty of the Tuscan landscape and intrigue of medieval Cortona left many to ponder the possibilities of living in this region of Italy for an "extended" period of time. Why not?

After a day spent exploring the markets, cathedrals, and alleyways of Siena, we made our way to Florence where we stayed in an 800-year old former monastery. Day trips were made to Villa Gamberaia in Settignano, Villa Medici at Fiesole, Boboli Gardens in Florence, and Villa Garzoni where students spent many hours sketching these important Renaissance and Baroque sites.

A quick and unplanned side trip was made to the coastal city of Pisa to be sure that the tower was still standing, and then on to the Medieval hill town of Orvieto where we stayed at the convent Istituto San Salvatore. The nuns quickly took a liking to us, so much so that one evening we found three students and two nuns engaged in a raucous game of dice! Side trips to historic Villa Lante, Villa Farnese, and Bomarzo were only rivaled by, well, the



*Shawn Ori and Ladd Scheiss survey Florence from the gardens at Villa Medici at Fiesole*



*Statues at the Canopus, Hadrian's Villa*

food!

In the future, we hope to include alumni in field study trips such as this with students.



## Laval Morris Traveling Scholarship



Rachel Turk, BLA '05, headed to Switzerland in May to study Swiss culture, history, art and landscape design. She will concentrate on the difference between public spaces in urban and rural areas in Switzerland. She will also compare how public places are different (or similar) to the public places in America, particularly Utah. As part of her study

abroad program she will be participating in a design charrette for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The ICRC is interested in developing a new symbol to represent their organization due to the religious connotations for the current "red cross" symbol. Five teams will focus on different concepts with the goal of designing a new symbol that is easily identifiable, but without religious connotations.

Her senior year, Rachel was the Utah State chapter President of ASLA and an honor student. She also received the senior faculty medal in April.

The Laval Morris Scholarship will provide Rachel with \$1,000 toward the costs associated with her trip. The endowment was created after the death of Laval Morris, who was the original department head of LAEP when it was established in the fall of 1939.

## David Jensen Scholarship



*Brooke Oswald receives the David Jensen scholarship from Michael Timmons at the LAEP Awards Banquet*

Brooke Oswald is in Denver this summer as an intern for David Jensen, Associates, Inc. Brooke received the David Jensen Scholarship which includes the internship in the Denver office, along with a cash award. Alumnus David Jensen, BLA '65 established the

scholarship in 1989 to support an outstanding student each year in pursuit of their landscape architectural degree.

Brooke is a recently matriculated sophomore in LAEP, however he comes to the department after completing coursework in vet sciences. Brooke also received the Outstanding Student Award for the 2005 Sophomore Class.

## Top Landscape Architect Speaks at LAEP Week

George Hargreaves is the founder and design director of Hargreaves Associates, a consulting firm of landscape architects and planners with offices in San Francisco, Cambridge, Mass and New York. Also a professor in practice at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Hargreaves is recognized as one of the most creative landscape architects in the nation today. Among the firm's noted projects are the 2000 Olympic site in Sydney, Australia, the Native American Museum in Oklahoma City, Crissy Field in San Francisco and the recently opened Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock.

The firm's work has been given innumerable awards and has been featured in over 100 publications worldwide.

Hargreaves gave two lectures while on campus on April 14th, one informal discussion in the morning and one more formal presentation in the afternoon at the Eccles Science Learning Center. The students appreciated his willingness to interact with them, particularly when he joined in the frisbee game at the evening picnic. Hargreaves' lectures were part of an on-going lecture series funded by the Maries Eccles Caine Foundation which provide the resources to bring top designers to campus. Earlier in the year, Peter Walker's visit to campus was also supported by the Foundation.



## Congratulations LAEP Graduates!



We will miss the following students around the Landscape Architecture department and wish them all the best in their future careers. Stop by and see us if you are in town and keep us updated on what's happening in your lives.

**MLA students** -- Susan Buffler, Laura Beth McCoy, Lori Porreca, and Sarah Sevy.

**BLA students** -- Jason Betts+, Greg Boudrero\*\*+, Kathie Brinkerhoff\*\*, Benjamin Davis, Paul Drake\*\*+, Jenn Elliott\*, Saori Endo\*\*+, Nathaniel Ferguson\*\*, Devin Gardner, Mark Goble\*\*+, Lindsey Gregory\*\*, Trevor Hansen, Jason Harr\*\*+, Shane Kershaw, Kaylen Nichols\*+, Atsuko Ochi, Shawn Ori, Ladd Schiess\*\*+, Rachel Turk\*\*+, Kim Williams, Mandie Zollinger\*+.

\* Magna Cum Laude

\*\* Cum Laude

+department honors



## Research on Capitol Hill

Each year Utah State University holds Research on Capitol Hill, an undergraduate research symposium which provides hands-on research experience to student teams from the five colleges. This year the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences selected the team of Kim Williams and Ladd Scheiss, seniors in LAEP, to present their design charrette of the town of Tooele.

Mentoring the team was Dave Bell, Associate Professor/Extension Specialist. The city of Tooele is a fast growing city that is dissected with a major highway. Growth is occurring on the north end, but as a result the historic downtown is becoming neglected. Dave was approached by the city to develop a charrette that might identify solutions to this problem. Teams of 5-8 students of sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students performed site visits, completed issues research, and developed designs and guidelines for downtown. Teams produced posters and powerpoints that were presented to the town council.

The senior team leaders Williams and Schiess presented their posters and powerpoint during Research on Capitol Hill. They are pictured below with Governor Huntsman and the other participants of the symposium.



**Ladd Scheiss**



**Kim Williams**



## LAEP Honors Program Excels

Prof. Michael Timmons, Director of the LAEP Honors Program, is very proud to announce that out of twenty-eight students graduating with Honors at Utah State University's Spring 2005 Commencement, ten are LAEP majors. To receive Department Honors, students must graduate with a 3.5 GPA, and must complete 15 honors credits, including the production of an Honors Thesis. The additional honors credits are earned by completing extra research projects as part of normal studio classes, participating in two graduate level reading seminars, and by taking non-departmental courses offered by the Honors Program. This year's honors graduates, and their thesis topics, are:

**Jason Betts** – *Master Plan for the United Methodist Church Campus*, Ogden, UT

**Greg Boudrero** – *Martyr's Square Urban Design Competition*, Beirut, Lebanon

**Paul Drake** – *Site Context and History of the Orson B. Adams Homestead and Surrounding Area*

**Saori Endo** – *Master Plan for the United Methodist Church Campus*, Ogden, UT

**Mark Goble** – *The Benefits of Greenroofs*

**Jason Harr** – *An Applied Comparative Analysis of Traditional versus Open Space Development*, Brigham City, UT

**Kaylen Nichols** – *The Daybreak Development: A New Urbanism Prototype for Utah*

**Ladd Scheiss** – *An Evaluation of Landscape Integrity and Historic Significance for the Orson Adams Farmstead*

**Rachel Turk** – *A Study of Social Carrying Capacity in Motorized Recreation Settings*

**Mandie Zollinger** – *Historic American Landscapes Survey Existing Conditions Evaluation of Old Harrisburg, UT*

## Graduate Students Awarded Green Space Institute Fellowships

Graduate students Greg Wolfgang and Julie McGrew have been awarded research fellowships through the Green Space Institute for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Green Space Fellowship, funded in part by a grant from the Dee Foundation, provides exceptional graduate students with financial resources for thesis development, research, and conference travel.

Ms. McGrew is working with Professors Craig Johnson, Peter Kumble, Tamara Shapiro and the staff of the Intermountain Herbarium to develop a dynamic GIS/web interface. The website will provide information on Herbarium holdings, historic distributions, ecology, taxonomy, photographs and other relevant data. She anticipates this work will be relevant to resource managers and others interested in the ecology of the Great Basin.

Mr. Wolfgang, working with Professors Tamara Shapiro, Craig Johnson, and James MacMahon, will identify the location and composition of pre-European settlement shrub-steppe vegetation in a portion of Box Elder County. Data will be compiled and mapped using GIS software. His research will provide baseline information for further studies on landscape change.

# Distinguished Alumni 2005

The LAEP Week Banquet, held on April 15, 2005, is a evening of awards for current students but a portion of the event also honors previous students and the great strides they have made in their careers. The following five persons were selected as this year's distinguished alumni.



**Edward  
Cook**

**MLA '84**

Dr. Edward (Ted) Cook is an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at Arizona State University. He received his BS in Landscape Architecture at Washington State University, his MLA in 1984 from Utah State, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Wageningen University, Netherlands. Ted has been a faculty member at ASU for 20 years and has served

Program Coordinator in the School of Planning and Architecture from 1984-2004. He was instrumental in establishing ASU's International Field Studies

Program and serves as the summer program director. Ted's interests lie in the areas of ecological networks, urban ecology, riparian and wetlands planning, and bioengineering in landscape architecture. In 2003, he was awarded the Distinguished Chair in Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of Algarve, Portugal.

In the mid-80's Mark Raming, joined SWCA Environmental Consultants in Tucson, Arizona where he developed a practice of natural resources analysis, management and planning. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the growth and development of SWCA's practice, which provides natural resources and cultural management and planning services.

Mark opened SWCA's Utah office in 1992. He currently serves as SWCA's Vice President of corporate development, coordinating the activities of 18 offices and 300 employees from the Pacific Rim to the Gulf coast.

SWCA's environmental planning practice has included the Grand Canyon River Management Plan for the National Park Service; Moab and Monticello Resource Management Plans for the Bureau of Land Management; Desert National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan for US Fish and Wildlife Service and Environmental Protection guidelines for Wuyishan near Mt. Wuyi, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Fujian Province, China.

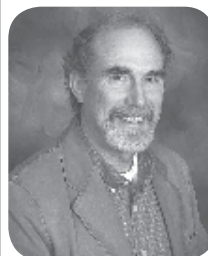
**Mark  
Raming**

**MLA '81**



**Charles  
Houghten**

**MLA '84**



Charles "Chuck" Houghten received his MLA in '84 from Utah State. He began his

career working as a refuge planner for the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Soda Springs, Idaho. Since 2000, Chuck has been the Refuge Planning Division Chief, Region 1 in Portland, Oregon for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Refuge Planning. As the director he is responsible for comprehensive conservation planning, land protection planning and National Wildlife Refuge System GIS mapping. In 2001, he received a Special Recognition Award for developing and guiding conservation planning efforts in Region 1 and in 2003, was recognized by the Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System for work as one of the lead authors of "Refuge Planning for the NWRS."

**Blaise Grden**

**MLA '78**



Blaise Grden, MLA '78 is a landscape architect with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, MI. He is an expert in the use of GIS for master planning and has served on numerous district GIS committees. Grden completed the first Master Plan for a Corps Water Resource Project that fully used GIS technology and demonstrated the data set at the Pentagon, the Library of Congress, and throughout Corps of Engineers Districts. He was a Product Manager and Designer of the Digital Project Notebook, a Web-based format of project maps and index sheets for the Corps. Blaise previously worked at the Walla Walla District in Washington State where he received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for GIS and Database and the Tri-service GIS/Spatial Data Standards. He also received the 1994 Architectural Award for the landscape architecture on the Walla Walla District Headquarters Building. He has authored many publications, including "The Interrelationship of Geographic Information Systems with Master Plans and Operational Management Plan." He is currently working on the creation of a national Corps Master Plan Program to encourage planning and the use of GIS throughout the Corps of Engineers.



**Julie Johnson**

**BLA '84**

Julie Johnson graduated in 1984 with a BLA. She was valedictorian

for the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences with a 4.00 gpa. She also received the faculty medal at the LAEP banquet 21 years ago. Julie went on to graduate school at MIT receiving a Master of City Planning

in 1988. After graduation she became a senior planner in urban design at Hillsborough County City/County Planning Commission in Tampa Florida. Her academic experience started in 1992 as an adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida and later moving to Seattle as an Asst. Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and an adjunct Assoc. Professor in Architecture at the University of Washington.

# Alumni News

As a part of the recent LAEP accreditation review, the department was required to account for the activities of recent (past 5 years) graduates. We thought it might be of interest to you all to share the whereabouts and "what's-going-ons" of some of our more recent alumni. What follows is a random selection (with apologies to those who are omitted as well as those who's entries may already be out-of-date). We invite all of our alumni to keep us posted on your activities for listing in future *INSITES*. Send your news to Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, Utah State University, 4005 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-4005 or email [kathy.allen@usu.edu](mailto:kathy.allen@usu.edu). Please include photographs if possible. Photos can be sent digitally or hard copy, however they will not be returned.

## Class of 2000- BLA's

**Andrew Aagard** is a city planner in Riverton Utah, he obtained a MS in Public Policy & Administration from the University of Utah.

**Matt Adams** is with HLA in Sacramento, California.

**Jennie Oliver Ault** private consultant in West Jordan, Utah.

**Tory Banford**, BHD Design in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

**Glenn Bayfield**, Coplon Associates, Bar Harbor, Maine.

**Matt Callister**, City Landscape Architect in St. George, Utah.

**Jeremiah Camarata**, GeoSpatial Solutions, Inc. in Bend, Oregon. He received his MLA at the University of Oregon.

**Alonzo Coby**, Coby Land Design, Blackfoot, Idaho.  
**Troy Cook**, DWI, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Matt Earle**, Gates & Associates, Denver, Colorado.

**Jeff Ebright**, Linford Brothers Glass, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Karl Hayes**, Arkitex Studio, College Station, Texas. Karl received an MS in Land Development at Texas A&M.

**Jamie Tsandes Karahalios**, Psomas, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Jody Vogelsang Knapp**, City Planner, West Valley City, Utah.

**Bryan Kniep**, Landpatterns, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Andrea Mabey**, private consulting, Logan, Utah.

**Reid Mitchell**, Sear Brown Group, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Andrea Moser**, BioWest, Logan, Utah.

**John Pope**, Morrow, Readon, Wilkinsor, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Jason Reynolds** is a loan consultant at The Mortgage Outlet, Golden, Colorado.

**Chris Rigby**, CLC Associates, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Matt Scilley**, E A Lyman, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Gary Seivers**, CTA Architects & Engineers, Billings, Montana.

**Byron Stringham**, USFS, Prescott, Arizona.

**Darrel Tso** is the Minority Student Advisor at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

**Brandon Weston**, UDOT in

Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Matt Winward**, Landmark Design in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**'00 MLA's**  
**James Carlson**, EPG, Environmental Planning Group in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Stephanie Grigsby**, DWI in Lake Tahoe, California.

**Sharen Hauri**, MGB+A, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Tim Johnson**, The Planning Center, Tucson, Arizona.

**Susan Kenzle**, Consort, Inc. in Austin Texas.

## 2001 - BLA's

**Troy Anderson**, is with Robert Marshall, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Roberto Becerril**, is at Nuszer Kopatz Urban Design, Denver, Colorado.

**Corbett Belcher**, HRP Design, Huntington Beach, California.

**Troy Behunin**, private practice in Queen Creek, Arizona.

**Lisa Sokol-Benson**, Landmark Design, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Tina Black Gillman**, Carter Burgess, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Ryan Blau**, DWI, Ashville, North Carolina.

**Darren Burnett**, Deseret Land Design, Ogden, Utah.

**Brian Carver**, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Jennifer Dabb Chipman**, Cardinal Landscaping, Fayetteville, North Carolina.  
**James Dotson**, City Planner, St. George, Utah.

**Jonathan Fredericks**, OTAK, Carbondale, Colorado.

**Richard Hite**, Southwick LA, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Graham Hopkins**, Carroll Associates, Poland, Maine.

**Jason Lee, Jr.** is a designer and builder in Mesa, Arizona.

**Brett Nielsen**, Wadsworth Construction, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Brandon Reed**, Southwick Landscape Architects, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Brian Stevens**, Verdonne Landscape Architects, Jackson, Wyoming.

**Ashley Stillman**, IBI Group, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Brad Theurer**, Garbini and Garbini, San Diego, CA.  
**Dave Thomas**, PBS&J, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
**Janel Walker**, City Planning Department, Provo, Utah.

**Phil Washburn** is a designer/builder in Oren, Utah.



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**Dave Thomas**, PBS&J,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Janel Walker**, City Planning  
Department, Provo, Utah.

**Phil Washburn** is a designer/  
builder in Oren, Utah.

**Jed Wyatt**, Architectural  
Design West, Logan Utah.

## '01 MLA's

**Jared Barnes**, Foothill  
Associates, Rocklin,  
California.

**Tim Newell** is with an  
engineering firm in Rescue,  
California.

**Eric Howard**, Hoover and  
Beigel, Portsmouth New  
Hampshire.

**Marissa Santacruz**,  
Verdone Associates, Jackson  
Wyoming.

**Ryan Weston**, Thomas &  
Thomas, Colorado Springs,  
Colorado.

## 2002 - BLA's

**Shane Bandy**, is the  
owner of Custom  
Landscapes in Logan  
Utah. He employs **Ben  
Nielson**, '04.

**Laura Bohn** received  
a MS in Bioregional  
Planning at USU in  
2005 and is now with  
the Governor's Office of  
Planning and Budget, Salt  
Lake City.

**Ryan Budge** is a  
landscape architect  
for Petersen Air Force  
Base, Colorado Springs,  
Colorado.

**Adam Castor**, OTAK

Carbondale, Colorado.

**Rita Kenley Christianson**,  
Robert Marshall Associates,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Brian Frankle**, UltraLite  
Adventure Equipment, Logan  
Utah.

**Doug Gibbons** received an  
MS in Bioregional Planning  
at USU in 2005 and is now  
with EPG, Environmental  
Planning Group, in the Salt  
Lake City office. EPG was  
founded by President **Garlyn  
Berdale**, MLA '75. **Scott  
Peters**, BLA '95 serves as  
Director of Design Services  
for EPG. Both Garlyn  
and Scott are in the firm's  
Phoenix office, along with  
other Aggies **Jim Carlson**,  
MLA'00 and **John Griffin**,  
BLA '04.

**Josh Hellewell**, Splitrock  
Inc., St. George, Utah.

**Jayson King**, Design Shop  
Plus, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Karl Koeppen**, Aspen  
Resource Consultants, Salt  
Lake City, Utah.

**Kris Kvarfordt**, having  
worked for Design Workshop  
in their Tahoe office for a  
year, has returned to Logan  
where he is completing is  
MLA in LAEP and taught  
LAEP 1200 fall, 2004. This  
spring he passed his licensure  
exam and is working in Salt  
Lake City.

**Shalae Larsen**, G Brown &  
Associates, Salt Lake City,  
Utah.

**Lisa Ogden** is a landscape  
architect with the National  
Park Service at Zion National  
Park, Springdale, Utah.

**Amy Reiter** is in private  
practice in Sun Valley, Idaho.

**Doug Robbins** is also in  
private practice in the San  
Francisco area.

**Josh Runhaar** completed  
his MLA at the University  
of Illinois and is now  
Assistant City Planner with  
the City of Logan, where he  
works under the Director of  
Community Planning, **Jay  
Nielson**, BLA'72.

**Justin Sagers**, Swaington  
Consulting Group,  
Henderson, Nevada.

**Kevin Ten Eyck** is a  
landscape architect with  
Landscape Development  
Inc., Valencia, California.  
Kevin made a recruiting to  
Logan this spring and hired  
three graduating seniors in  
the class of 2005 -- **Mandie  
Zollinger**, **Jason Harr**, and  
**Jason Betts**.

## '02 MLA's

**Carrie Morgan**, Robert  
Marshall & Associates, Salt  
Lake City, Utah.

**Keith Christensen** is  
employed in the Center for  
Persons with Disabilities at  
USU and teaches part time  
in LAEP.

**Jianxin Dai**, Austin Tao  
& Associates, St. Louis,  
Missouri.

**Cathy Grossl** is with The  
Greenhouse Inc. in Logan  
Utah.

**Giselle Groshart** is doing  
wetland restoraton in San  
Francisco, California.

**Wendy Mee**, is a private  
consultant in Ellensburg,  
Washington.

**Nancy Monteith**, DWI at  
the Salt Lake City office.

**Lance Purser** is in  
development in Riverton,  
Utah.

**Pete Wall**, Site Solutions,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Tim Watkins**, Envision Utah  
in Salt Lake City.

## 2003 - BLA's

**Abe Nielsen** and **Arianne  
Gordon** are both with  
the firm of EDSA in Ft.  
Lauderdale, FL, while  
**Jeremy Blad** and **Nick  
Nelson** are both with HTNB  
in Fort Worth, TX.

**Ryan Bentley**, Bullard  
Land Planning, Loganville,  
Georgia.

**Mike Girard**, having  
been with Synthesis, Inc.,  
in Schenectedy, NY and  
subsequently with Jack  
Johnson in Park City, UT, has  
returned again to New York to  
continue his career.

**Scott Edward Goldman**,  
English Gardens, Walled  
Lake, Michigan.

**Rodney Hess**, RGS  
Associates, Brownstone,  
Pennsylvania.

**Vern Lynn Shumway**, USFS,  
Columbia, South Carolina.

**Maria Adams**, is with **David  
Jensen (BLA'65)** Associates,  
Denver, Colorado.

# Alumni News

## '03 BLA's (Cont'd)

**Jeffrey Taylor** is with Land Plan in Calgary Alberta where he works with **Garth Balls BLA'76**.

**Aaron John**, is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Arkansas.

Those left in Utah are:

**Jeremy Carl Jensen** with Tri-State Builders in Pleasant Grove.

**Nathan Lewis**, USFS in Ogden.

**Sharlotte Mar Sonntag**, Architectural Design West, Logan.

**Tamara Viann Sorensen**, Jack Johnson Co., Park City.

**Virginia Harding**, All States Landscaping, Draper, UT.

**Adam Lankford**, ProCube Consultants, Lehi, Utah.

**Abe Medina**, private practice in Hailey, Idaho.

**Nathan Peterson**, Bingham Engineering, Salt Lake City.

**Simriti Kappus Schwobe**, Kappus Nursery, Salt Lake City.

**Craig Thomas**, City Planner, West Valley City, Utah.

**Ann Williams**, Novak Environmental, Tucson, Arizona.

completing degrees at the University of Utah are **Jesse Allen**, in Architecture and **Mark Morris**, in Urban Planning.

**Sean Ackroyd** is in the Master of Environmental Design, Golf Course Architecture program at Michigan State University.

**Dan Child** has completed an Environmental Engineering degree at USU, and **Ben Davis** is pursuing an MBA, also at USU.

Two firms scored double hits on the Class of '04 as both **Jesse Bell** and **Annabell Cardenas** joined VanDyke LLP in San Diego, and **Michael Budge** and **Devin Gardiner** went with Design Workshop (Michael in Salt Lake and Devin in Denver).

Other '04 graduates include:

**Scott Bird**, MHTN, Salt Lake City.

**Teresa Boehme**, private practice in San Francisco.  
**Bryce Bushman**, Wolff

Clements & Associates, Chicago.

**Lars Thad Erickson**, Norris Dullea, Denver.

**Russell Holley**, G. Brown Associates, Salt Lake City.

**Penn Arthur Owens**, GSBS, Salt Lake City.

**John Wesley Scott**, Architectural Nexus, Logan, UT.

## '04 MLA's

**Jeremy Call**, EDAW, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

**Greg Haws**, The Planning Center in Costa Mesa, California but is spending a lot of time in Salt Lake City working on Daybreak, the major Kennecott new urban development.

**Chad Grave** is working in golf course architecture in Traverse City, Michigan.

## 2004 - BLA's

Several members of the class of 2004 are currently undertaking graduate studies.

Pursuing MLA degrees through the Center for Watershed Stewardship at Penn State are **Brent Early** and **Dan Sonntag**.  
Two class members

## '03 - MLA's

**David Brown**, Fred Phillips Consultants, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Jennifer Brown**, DWI, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

## LAEP Students and Alumni Win City of Logan Design Contest

Logan's Community Development Department announced the winners of a city-sponsored park strip design contest.

Shannon Byrne, BLA, '97 won first place with her landscape design to beautify 4 foot and 8 foot-wide parking strips which will likely be implemented on a portion of Park Avenue in Logan currently under development.

Larinda Peterson, a LAEP senior won second place followed by the team of Kaylen Nichols and Ladd Scheiss, recent graduates of LAEP, winning third place.

The designs included materials, types of irrigation, and cost estimates. They were judged on appearance, water conservation, durability and cost of installation. Homeowners will be required to maintain the strips.



*This photo was taken by Peter Kumble through the window of LAEP on June 7th!! On campus we received 3 inches of snow. A few days later the temps were in the '90's.*

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